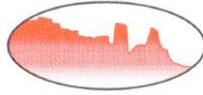


**KIRKBY & GREAT BROUGHTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



NEWSLETTER - 6th September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome to everyone!

On behalf of all the school community, we would like to welcome the children who are starting with us for the first time this term and all new parents and families. We welcome 16 children into Reception, two new children into Year 3 & one pupil into Year 4 making a total of 122 children in our school. We are all looking forward to another happy and successful year together. It has been great to hear of the children's wonderful summer holiday experiences and they seem refreshed and enthusiastic about the new school year.

Arrival at School

On arrival at school, we would ask that children and parents wait in the playground until the cloakroom doors are opened at 8.45am. Children can then come into school between 8.45 and 8.55 am when the teachers will be in the cloakrooms to welcome them. It is very important that children arrive at school on time as the first lesson begins at 9 o'clock prompt. However, should your child arrive at school after 8.55am please come in via the front door and sign the attendance book. Please note that there is no supervision on the playground before 8.45am and therefore children should not arrive without adult accompaniment before this time. Thank you.

School Lunch Money

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. The cost of school lunches for children in Year 3 to Year 6 is £2.40 per day or £12.00 per week. Lunch money for this half term is £93.60. Please logon to your ParentPay account to pay for your school lunches. Reception children and new starters will receive an activation letter for ParentPay within the next couple of weeks. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office for advice. Please remember that children cannot swap from school dinner to packed lunch within a week. Whichever they choose on a Monday must be taken for the full week. Many thanks.

Health School Award

We are proud of our Healthy School Award which we received in recognition of promoting healthy lifestyles. In line with the requirements of this award, we would really appreciate your support in terms of encouraging healthy eating. If your child would like to bring in a snack to have at playtime they are welcome to do so. However, please can they bring a piece of fresh fruit; not sweets, chocolate or crisps. Also, we really don't want to sound ungrateful, but when children kindly bring in cakes or sweets to be distributed to all the class, it can cause a few problems, including concerns over food allergies. Therefore, please could we ask that children do not bring in cakes/sweets for birthdays or gifts from holiday.



Uniform/PE kits

Please can we request that children bring their PE kits to school in a drawstring bag which will fit on their coat peg, as we don't have enough room in our cloakrooms for larger bags. It would also be very helpful if children could bring their reading book and homework books to school in a small bag or a book bag.

Leave of Absence during term time

We would like to remind parents of the Government legislation regarding leave of absence during term time. It states that headteachers cannot authorise absence from school for holidays and can only authorise leave of absence in extreme circumstances. All applications must be made in writing using the leave of absence form which is available at the school office or can be downloaded from our website. The form outlines some examples of extreme circumstances which could be considered.

Reporting that your child will be absent



Please telephone between 8.00am and 9.20am to advise that your child will not be attending school that day and on their return please send a note to confirm the reason for their absence. Please leave a message on our answer machine if your call is not answered. Our school policy is that if a child is not present by 9.20am and we have not been notified either by telephone or a verbal message to the office or a member of staff, we will ring you to find out why they are not at school.

Administration of Prescribed Medicines

If your child needs to take any medicine whilst at school, could you please send it to school in a marked container and complete the necessary form confirming the administration of the medicine. We are only authorised to administer medicines which have been prescribed by a doctor.

Photographs and Videos of School events



Please can I remind parents that when they come into school for various events they are welcome to take photographs and short videos. However, these must not be shared on social media of any kind. We have been specifically asked by some parents that their child's photographs do not appear on the internet and I ask for your support in respecting their wishes. Many thanks.

Newsletters/Text Messages



In the future newsletters will be sent home via email on Fridays, usually fortnightly. Please ensure you have registered your email address with the school office or through our email at admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk. A copy will also be posted on the school website. We also use a text messaging service to contact you at short notice or for reminders of events. Please advise if the number we have on file for this service needs updating. Please could parents complete the form below to enable you to receive information in this way.

PTA

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic Parent Teacher Association at our school who organise a range of successful events over the year. The work of the PTA and the money raised through their events are greatly valued by the staff and governors. The Annual General Meeting will take place in the coming weeks, date to be confirmed and everyone is very welcome to attend. We hope that some of our new parents will be able to attend this meeting and join our PTA.

School Photographer

Children's individual photographs and photographs with siblings will be taken on **Wednesday 25th September**.



Y3 Bible Service on Tuesday 24th September at 9.15am



Each year we mark the transition from Y2 to Y3 with the gift of a Bible. This is an important transition as children move from the Infant to the Junior Years. If you have a child in Y3 please make note of this date and join us for this special occasion in the school hall.

Harvest Service

We would like to invite parents and friends to join us for our Harvest Service which will be held in St Augustine's Church at 11am on Tuesday 8th October.

Collective Worship

During collective worship this term we will be focusing on the Christian value of Generosity and how we can live out this value in our everyday lives.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a number of after school clubs on offer for our children. Please see below a list of the clubs and when they will be starting this term. Further information to follow.

Monday	3.15-4.15 Multi-sports Club for Y1/Y2/Y3 (C Burton) starting Monday 23rd September
Monday	3.20-4.05 French Club for Y4 & Y5 starting Monday 16th September
Wednesday	3.15-4.15 Football Club for Y1 & Y2 starting Wednesday 11th September
Wednesday	3.15-4.15 Netball Club for Y3-Y6 starting Wednesday 18th September
Thursday	3.15-4.15 Multi-sport Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 (R Darcy) starting Thursday 12th Sept
Friday	3.15-4.15 Sewing Club for Y5/Y6 aiming to start Friday 20th September.
Friday	3.15-4.15 Football Club for Y3-Y6 starting Friday 13th September

Christmas Dates

Christmas seems very far away at the moment but it does creep up on us, so here are some early diary dates for this hectic time of the year!



Tuesday 3rd December 2.30pm - Christingle Service in school
Monday 16th December 9.15am - Christmas Nativity (Reception children)
Monday 16th December 2.30pm - Christmas Nativity (Y1 and Y2)
Tuesday 17th December 11am - Christmas Carol Service in St Augustine's Church
Tuesday 17th December 2.30pm - Key Stage Two Christmas Concert
Thursday 19th December - Foundation Stage/Key Stage One Party (Rec, Y1/Y2)
Friday 20th December - Key Stage Two Party (Y3-Y6)

Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Autumn 2019

Half Term

Christmas 2019

Half Term

Easter 2020

May Day Holiday

Half Term

Summer 2020

School Closes

Friday 25th October
Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Thursday 7th May
Friday 22nd May
Friday 17th July

School Re-opens

Tuesday 3rd September
Monday 4th November
Tuesday 7th January
Monday 24th February
Tuesday 21st April
Monday 11th May
Tuesday 2nd June

Professional development days when school is closed to pupils

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 20th April 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

School Website



As you know, our website is available at www.kirkbyandgreatbroughtonschool.co.uk. It provides up to date information for parents and children and is a key means of communication between home and school. The website also provides a great opportunity to share some of the activities enjoyed by our children with their families.

Text messaging & Email for Newsletters

Name of Child

My preferred mobile for text messages is

My preferred email address for newsletters is

Netball Club

Name of Child /Children Year

..... Year

I give permission for my child to attend Netball Club.

Signature of ParentContact number for emergencies.....

Please note this club could be cancelled at short notice due to weather conditions. We will contact you via text if cancelled.

Football Club

Name of Child /Children Year

..... Year

I give permission for my child to attend Football Club

Signature of ParentContact number for emergencies

Please note this club could be cancelled at short notice due to weather conditions. We will contact you via text if cancelled.
